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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER

1. I HAVE HEARD FROM SEVERAL SOURCES THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WISHES AN APPOINTMENT WITH ME WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK. ONE OF THE SUBJECTS THAT I HAVE BEEN RELIABLY INFORMED HE WILL WISH TO ADDRESS IS THE JOINT USG-RTG EFFORT AGAINST THE NARCOTICS TRAFFIC. I SUSPECT THAT HE WILL REVIEW WITH ME THE VARIOUS STEPS THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN TO IMPROVE THAI PERFORMANCE IN THIS AREA. QUITE POSSIBLY HE WILL INQUIRE AS TO WHAT ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE, PARTICULARLY IF THE RTG DOES MOVE TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL NARCOTICS DIVISION WITHIN THE NATIONAL POLICE.

2. IN ORDER TO BE PREPARED FOR THIS SESSION IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR ME TO KNOW IF A THAI REQUEST FOR MATERIAL SUPPORT (COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, TRANSPORT, ETC.) WOULD RECEIVE A SYMPATHETIC HEARING IN WASHINGTON. IF THERE IS NO PROSPECT OF SUCH ASSISTANCE, THAT WOULD ENABLE ME TO RESPOND PROMPTLY AND NEGATIVELY TO ANY OVERTURE HE MIGHT MAKE. HOWEVER, IF THERE IS THE CHANC E THAT A THOUGHTFUL WELL CONSIDERED LISTING OF THEIR NEEDS MIGHT BE FAVORABLY ACTED UPON I WOULD OBVIOUSLY RESPOND QUITE DIFFERENTLY. I WOULD BE MAKING NO COMMITMENT OF COURSE AT THIS INTERVIEW BUT I WOULD LIKE TO BE INFORMED REGARDING WHAT "SIGNALS" I SHOULD GIVE PRIME MINISTER THANIN.
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